

## city of edmonds development information



## Contractor Licensing Information

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Washington State law requires all contractors to be registered with the State of Washington. It is against State law for any contractor to submit bids or perform any contracting work without being registered (licensed) by the State Department of Labor & Industries. This contractor registration law exists to help protect consumers from incompetent and/or fraudulent contractors.

The City is required to verify current status of state licensed contractors prior to issuance of any permit. Permits shall be held and not issued until license verification is complete. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide current contractor information on all contractors listed on the permit application.

### PROPERTY OWNERS PERFORMING WORK OR ACTING AS GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Owners of property can perform all work on their own private property. Owners of property are also permitted to be their own general contractor and hire registered (licensed) subcontractors to perform some or all of the work. When an owner chooses to be the general contractor of record they are required to sign a contractor licensing exemption form. Owners choosing to act as the general contractor are encouraged to call the State Department of Labor & Industries at 1-800-647-0982 or go to <https://fortress.wa.gov/lni/bbip/> to verify licenses of all subcontractors hired as fines can be levied by the State for non-compliance. NOTE: Business owners, renters or tenants are not permitted to perform any construction, mechanical, plumbing or electrical work on property they do not own.

**ALL CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS PERFORMING WORK WITHIN EDMONDS CITY LIMITS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CITY BUSINESS LICENSE. Contact the City Business License Clerk at 425-775-2525 for more information.**